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- 1. BRITISH EMBASSY HAS SUBSTANTIATED INFORMATION REPORTED REFTEL AND ADDED DIMENSION THAT NIMEIRI HIMSELF SPOKE AT LENGTH WITH ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION. ITALIAN AMBASSADOR REPORTEDLY RECEIVED SIMILAR INFORMATION FROM LEADING FIGURE IN SUDANESE SOCIALIST UNION.
- 2. ACCORING TO SOURCES, NIMEIRI URGED ETHIOPIANS TO PROFIT FROM HIS MISTAKES, I.E., BEWARE OF SOVIET MILITARY INVOLVEMENT AND AVOID TAKING STEPS, SUCH AS NATIONALIZATION, THAT SERVE TO CHASE OUT FOREIGN CAPITAL.
- 3. NIMEIRI REPORTEDLY WARNED ETHIOPIANS AGAINST HARMING HAILE SELASSIE, SAYING THAT INTERNATIONAL REACTION WOULD BE STRONG IN VIEW OF FORMER EMPEROR'S REPUTATION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND AFRICA IN PARTICULAR, CONFIDENTIAL

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E.G., AS FOUNDER AND LEADING SUPPORTER OF OAU.

WHEN ETHIOPIANS SAID THAT HAILE SELASSIE COULD LEAVE IF FOREIGN ACCOUNTS RECOVERED, NIMEIRI REPLIED THAT ETHIOPIA'S REPUTATION ABROAD WAS MORE IMPORTANT THAN MONEY.

4. FINALLY, NIMEIRI IS SAID TO HAVE OFFERED TO ASSIST IN SETTLEMENT OF THE ERITREAN PROBLEM, CITING HIS EXPERIENCE WITH THE SOUTH IN THE SUDAN.
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